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Programming & Software Development Standards Criticality Survey Results		Nice to Know	Need to Know	Critical to Know	Rating Average	Response Count
CONTENT STANDARD 1: Demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills as they apply to programming						
1.1	Apply basic programming principles.	0	4	25	2.86	29
1.2	Describe and differentiate procedural and object-oriented programming.	4	14	11	2.24	29
1.3	Apply the features of object-oriented programming languages	3	9	17	2.48	29
1.4	Write a program that produces output.	2	6	21	2.66	29
1.5	Select identifiers to use within programs.	7	10	11	2.14	28
1.6	Improve programs by adding comments.	2	12	15	2.45	29
1.7	Write and run a program.	2	4	23	2.72	29
CONTENT STANDARD 2: Demonstrate ability to use variables, data types, and string manipulation to solve computer problems programmatically						
2.1	Demonstrate the process of declaring variables.	0	7	22	2.76	29
2.2	Display variable values.	0	12	17	2.59	29
2.3	Apply integral data types.	1	12	16	2.52	29
2.4	Apply floating-point data types	4	10	15	2.38	29
2.5	Apply arithmetic operators.	0	13	16	2.55	29
2.6	Apply Boolean data type.	0	10	19	2.66	29
2.7	Apply numeric type conversion.	2	11	16	2.48	29
2.8	Apply char data type.	3	10	16	2.45	29
2.9	Apply string data type.	1	11	17	2.55	29
2.10	Define named constants and enumerations.	4	12	13	2.31	29
CONTENT STANDARD 3: Demonstrate effective use of selection structures to add logic to programs						
3.1	Demonstrate logic-planning tools and decision-making	3	10	16	2.45	29
3.2	Make decision using the if statement.	0	7	22	2.76	29
3.3	Make decisions using the if-else statement.	0	9	20	2.69	29
3.4	Apply compound expressions in if statements.	2	12	15	2.45	29
3.5	Make decisions using the switch statement.	6	7	16	2.34	29
3.6	Apply the conditional operator.	2	7	19	2.61	28
3.7	Apply the NOT operator.	4	6	19	2.52	29
3.8	Describe how to avoid common errors when making decisions, and apply problem-solving skills in context.	0	11	18	2.62	29
CONTENT STANDARD 4: Demonstrate ability to test, debug and validate programming applications						
4.10	Locate a logic error by stepping through the code	1	4	24	2.79	29
4.2	Locate logic errors using breakpoints	2	7	20	2.62	29
4.3	Fix syntax and logic errors.	1	6	22	2.72	29
4.4	Select appropriate test data for an application.	4	11	14	2.34	29
CONTENT STANDARD 5: Differentiate between the various types of repetition structures and use each repetition structure appropriately in program development.						
5.1	Apply the loop structure.	0	7	20	2.74	27
5.2	Create loops using the while statement.	1	11	16	2.54	28
5.3	Create loops using the for statement.	1	11	16	2.54	28
5.4	Create loops using the do statement.	3	12	12	2.33	27
5.5	Apply nested loops.	2	13	13	2.39	28
5.6	Apply accumulators.	5	12	11	2.21	28
5.7	Understand and describe how to improve loop performance	1	19	8	2.25	28
CONTENT STANDARD 6: Use methods to increase functionality and to modularize programs						
6.1	Describe methods and implementation hiding.	6	10	12	2.21	28
6.2	Write methods with no parameters and no return value.	8	6	14	2.21	28
6.3	Write methods that require a single argument.	2	11	15	2.46	28
6.4	Write methods that require multiple arguments.	5	7	16	2.39	28
6.5	Write a method that returns a value.	1	9	18	2.61	28
6.6	Pass an array to a method.	4	12	12	2.29	28
6.7	Overload methods.	7	11	10	2.11	28
6.8	Demonstrate how to avoid methods.	13	10	4	1.67	27
6.9	Apply optional parameters.	8	13	7	1.96	28
CONTENT STANDARD 7: Demonstrate understanding of arrays and structure and apply concepts in program development						
7.1	Declare an array and assign values to array elements.	2	9	16	2.52	27
7.2	Access array elements.	1	9	17	2.59	27
7.3	Search an array using a loop.	2	10	14	2.46	26
7.4	Apply multidimensional arrays.	7	10	9	2.08	26
CONTENT STANDARD 8: Demonstrate understanding of object-oriented programming concepts.						
8.1	Describe and apply class concepts.	2	4	21	2.7	27
8.2	Create classes from which objects can be instantiated.	1	6	20	2.7	27
8.3	Create objects.	1	5	20	2.73	26
8.4	Create properties, including auto-implemented properties.	4	11	13	2.32	28

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8.5	Use public fields and private methods.	4	10	14	2.36	28
8.6	Define the "this" reference.	4	11	13	2.32	28
8.7	Write constructors	4	9	15	2.39	28
8.8	Use object initializers	4	13	11	2.25	28
8.9	Overload operators	12	7	9	1.89	28
8.10	Declare an array of objects	4	15	9	2.18	28
8.11	Use sorting methods with an array of objects	6	12	10	2.14	28
8.12	Write destructors	9	12	7	1.93	28
8.13	Describe and demonstrate inheritance	4	9	15	2.39	28
8.14	Extend classes	4	14	10	2.21	28
8.15	Override base class methods	6	12	10	2.14	28
8.16	Describe how a derived class object "is an" instance of the base class	5	15	8	2.11	28
8.17	Define the object class	6	14	8	2.07	28
8.18	Use base class constructors	8	12	8	2	28
8.19	Create abstract classes	11	10	7	1.86	28
8.20	Create use interfaces	8	9	11	2.11	28
8.21	Apply extension methods	12	9	7	1.82	28
8.22	Describe the benefits of inheritance	3	12	13	2.36	28
8.23	Recognize inheritance in GUI applications	10	10	8	1.93	28
CONTENT STANDARD 9: Demonstrate exception-handling in program development						
9.1	Compare and demonstrate traditional and object-oriented error-handling methods.	2	13	12	2.37	27
9.2	Cast data types.	6	11	10	2.15	27
9.3	Catch multiple exceptions.	6	14	7	2.04	27
9.4	Apply the finally block.	7	11	9	2.07	27
9.5	Handle exceptions thrown from outside methods.	5	14	8	2.11	27
9.6	Trace exceptions through the call stack.	4	13	10	2.22	27
9.7	Create exception classes	10	11	6	1.85	27
9.8	Re-throw exceptions	8	13	6	1.93	27
CONTENT STANDARD 10: Use event handlers in programs						
10.1	Define and apply event handling.	4	12	12	2.29	28
10.2	Define and describe delegates.	6	18	3	1.89	27
10.3	Declare own events and handlers.	6	17	5	1.96	28
10.4	Use built-in event handlers.	2	17	9	2.25	28
10.5	Handle control component events.	10	14	4	1.79	28
10.6	Handle mouse and keyboard events.	7	15	6	1.96	28
10.7	Manage multiple controls	9	14	5	1.86	28
10.8	Explain how to find more information on controls and events	6	12	10	2.14	28
CONTENT STANDARD 11: Apply concepts and principles of systems planning and development						
11.1	Describe the information systems development life cycle (SDLC).	9	9	10	2.04	28
11.2	Discuss how to evaluate off-the-shelf software.	17	4	7	1.64	28
11.3	Explain reuse and its role in software development.	3	11	14	2.39	28
11.4	Describe the skills required to be an effective project manager.	18	7	3	1.46	28
11.5	List and describe the skill and activities of a project manager during project initiation, planning, execution, and closedown.	20	5	3	1.39	28
11.6	Describe the steps for identifying and selecting projects and initiating and planning projects	18	6	4	1.5	28
11.7	Explain the need for and contents of a project scope statement	12	8	8	1.86	28
11.8	Compare various methods for assessing project feasibility	16	8	4	1.57	28
CONTENT STANDARD 12: Demonstrate competency with systems analysis tools and concepts						
12.1	Compare options for designing and conducting interviews to determine system requirements.	13	12	3	1.64	28
12.2	Develop a plan for conducting an interview to determine system requirements.	17	8	3	1.5	28
12.3	Explain the advantages and pitfalls of observing workers and analyzing business documents to determine system requirements.	16	10	2	1.5	28
12.4	Plan a joint application design session.	16	10	2	1.5	28
12.5	Use prototyping during requirements determination	14	8	6	1.71	28
12.6	Select appropriate methods to elicit system requirements.	13	12	3	1.64	28
12.7	Describe how requirements determination techniques apply to development of Internet applications.	17	8	3	1.5	28
12.8	Demonstrate the logical modeling of processes through studying examples of data-flow diagrams, pseudo code, and flowcharts.	8	11	9	2.04	28
CONTENT STANDARD 13: Demonstrate knowledge of application design principles						

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13.1	Explain the process of designing interfaces and dialogues and the deliverables for their creation.	8	16	4	1.86	28
13.2	Apply the general guidelines for interface design, including guidelines for layout design, structuring data-entry fields, providing feedback, and system help.	11	14	3	1.71	28
13.3	Concisely define each of the following key database design terms: relation, primary key, functional dependency, foreign key, referential integrity, field, data type, null value, denormalization, file organization, index, and secondary key.	3	12	12	2.33	27
13.4	Explain the role of designing databases in the analysis and design of an information system.	3	16	9	2.21	28
13.5	Transform an entity-relation (E-R) diagram into an equivalent set of well-structured (normalized) relations.	10	13	5	1.82	28
13.6	Merge normalized relations from separate user views into a consolidated set of well-structured relations.	15	8	5	1.64	28
13.7	Choose storage formats for fields in database tables.	6	13	9	2.11	28
13.8	Translate well-structured relations into efficient database tables.	5	14	9	2.14	28
13.9	Explain when to use different types of file organizations to store computer files.	14	11	3	1.61	28
13.10	Describe the purpose indexes and the important considerations in selecting attributes to be indexed.	5	15	8	2.11	28
CONTENT STANDARD 14: Demonstrate knowledge of application implementation and identify the need for ongoing application support						
14.1	Describe the process of coding, testing, and converting an organizational information system.	11	11	6	1.82	28
14.2	Outline the deliverables and outcomes of an organizational information system.	16	8	4	1.57	28
14.3	List the deliverables for documenting the system and for training and supporting users.	13	13	2	1.61	28
14.4	Compare the many modes available for organizational information system training, including self-training and electronic performance support systems.	18	9	1	1.39	28
14.5	Discuss the issues of providing support for end users.	11	13	4	1.75	28
14.6	Explain why application implementation sometimes fails.	14	9	5	1.68	28
14.7	Describe several factors that influence the cost of maintaining an application.	10	13	5	1.82	28